

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 DEAE-00 SNM-02 TRSE-00 /021 W  
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R 061405Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9206  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0043

DEPARTMENT PASS DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, CGEN, IN, DM  
SUBJ: REPORT ON DRUG SMUGGLING ACTIVITY

REF: 76 COTONOU 2000

1. THAKUR VISITED EMBASSY AGAIN JANUARY 4 TO RELATE NEWS THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM NICHANI REPORTING THAT NICHANI RECEIVED HIS ALIEN GREEN CARD DECEMBER 14, AND THAT THIS NEW RESIDENCY STATUS PLACED HIM BEYOND THAKUR'S REACH. NICHANI ALSO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED THAKUR WITH DEATH IF ANY OF HIS SECRETS (ASSUMEDLY THOSE RELATED TO DRUG SMUGGLING) WERE DIVULGED. THAKUR CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO RENEW HIS REQUEST FOR COMPLETE CONFIDENTIALITY.

2. EMBOFF WHO INTERVIEWED THAKUR BELIEVES HIM TO BE A WORRIED FRIGHTENED INDIVIDUAL SINCERELY CONCERNED FOR HIS OWN WELFARE. EMBOFF ASSURED THAKUR HIS NAME WOULD BE PROTECTED IN ANY INVESTIGATION. THOMPSON

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## Message Attributes

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